

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I Fig. 3; or
- II. Fig. 6.

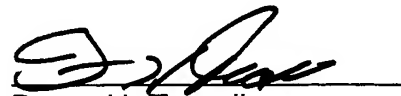
Applicant hereby elects Species I, Fig. 3, and believes that claims 5-9 are readable on the elected species. As noted on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has deemed claim 5 to be generic to both species. Applicant submits that claims 6, 7 and 9 are also generic to both species. Applicant reserves the right to submit any Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-selected invention.

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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